

### Halldale PTA President Receives Life Membership

Approximately 80 parents attended the Founders Day meeting of the Halldale PTA on Thursday, Feb. 10. Mrs. H. T. Seeman, president, conducted the meeting. The pledge to the flag was led by Mrs. Leslie Smith. Reports were made by magazine chairman, Mrs. M. D. Hebert and ways and means chairman, Mrs. N. B. Russell. Mrs. C. B. Humphrey gave a report on the accomplishments of this PTA association since its organization two years ago. Mrs. W. C. Sidwell presented a brief history and meaning of the Founders Day.

Mrs. Minot Rugg presented a life membership to Mrs. H. T. Seeman by the means of a clever skit. Those taking part were Mmes. J. H. Frybach, Ralph Robertson and James Sandusky.

Mrs. Amanda Bonwell, principal of Halldale, spoke on behalf of the school and thanked Mrs. Seeman and the PTA for their fine cooperation.

Elected to the nominating committee were Mmes. William Roberts, Minot Rugg, C. B. Humphrey and Don Gray.

Mrs. Quayles' A-3 room sang two numbers and presented a dramatic skit, and the Orange Street Mothersingers entertained with several numbers which were thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr. H. T. Seeman attended as a guest of the PTA.

A large cake, decorated in keeping with the occasion, served as the centerpiece. Those presiding at the table were Mrs. Ben Rusk and Miss Fischel, Halldale teacher. Hostesses were

### Valentine Motif Marks Lodge Party

The St. Valentine's Day theme was followed by the committee in charge of decorations with Elizabeth Hunt acting as chairman at the last meeting of Trio Rebekah Lodge No. 240.

Valentines were exchanged during the social hour following lodge and delicious refreshments served.

All Rebekahs are urged to attend the next meeting, for the election of a new Deputy President for Rebekah District No. 84 is scheduled this month and at the local meeting members will vote on a recommendation for the officer.

Thelma Whitacre will be chairman of the evening.

### Recognition Service Set For Sunday, February 20

Teen-age members of the Torrance YWCA will have their first formal introduction to parents and friends at a Y-Teen Recognition Service to be held at Torrance Women's clubhouse at 3 p.m. Sunday, February 20.

Taking part in the ceremony will be nearly 60 members of the two Y-Teen clubs, the Y-Teen Timers of junior high school girls and the Tri-Y-Teens who are 9th and 10th grade high school girls.

The candle lighting ceremony recognition of members and installation of officers has been prepared by a committee of girls representing both clubs, assisted by Miss Elaine Alless.

### Seaside... Ranching

Mrs. Lola Suter—Frontier 45481

Questions pertaining to incorporating will be one of the major topics of discussion tonight at the regular meeting of the Seaside Ranchos Home Owners Association. This will include a report from all Block Captains as to the result of the house-to-house canvass conducted this last week. The problem of street lighting will be an important part of the discussion with the intention of finding all the facts and presenting these to the members before voting takes place. So come out to the meeting tonight at the Hollywood Riviera Beach club and express your opinions.

A new school to serve Hollywood Riviera and Seaside Ranchos by September was the promise last week by Emmett Ingram, assistant superintendent of schools. This was the result of a panel discussion between school board members, Mrs. Grace Wright, Mrs. Evelyn L. Carr, and George E. Thatcher, and four representatives of the combined Seaside Ranchos-Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Association. The representatives were Mrs. G. H. Miller, Raymond Hole, Ev Rowan, and Mrs. Paul Roettger.

Byron B. Johnson returns this week-end from Treasure Island after completing a six weeks course in radiological safety. The Chinchilla show at Hollywood Park was of especial interest to Donald and Peggy Hall on Saturday. The Halls are breeding Chinchillas at their home on Sharynne Lane. Following the show they attended the National Chinchilla Association banquet at Carle's Creshaw and were much impressed by the style show of Chinchilla stoles, coats, and capes shown by Willard George, furrier of Beverly Hills.

Mrs. Paul Barth of Carol Drive is still ill from a back injury and would enjoy visits from her friends and neighbors. The completion of the first year in their home on Sharynne Lane was an occasion for a celebration for Dr. and Mrs. O. Eugene Hurst. Cocktails and dinner were served to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tabor of Santa Monica, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shelley of Los Angeles. The Mike Pages, the Frank Hanovers, and the Donald Halls dropped in later to complete the party.

Timmy Roettger played host at a party recently to celebrate his fourth birthday. Friends who helped in the fun were Billy Carlson, Douglas Perry, Jackie Larkins, Geoffrey Baillie, Janie Carlton, Marlene Fetter, Bruce Shockency, Brent Shockency, Betty Mewborn, and Carolyn Roettger. Decorations were in red and white, with small red and white drums for candy and to take home. Little Douglas Perry carried off the prize in the "pin a tail on the donkey" game. Favors were yo-yos for the boys and harmonicas for the girls.

Walteria P.T.A., organized in 1897, held its Founders' Day meeting on Thursday, Feb. 10 in the Walteria auditorium. Second grade mothers who acted as hostesses were Mrs. Ed Jeffrey, Mrs. Arthur Hackney, Mrs. Carl Larkins, Mrs. Byron Johnson, and Mrs. Robert Fiske.

Mrs. Paul Roettger was narrator for the skit "An Album of Memories." Authentic costumes in the skit were clothes actually worn in olden times by relatives of the past presidents. It was of interest to note how all styles of yesteryear compare with today's new look. Models were Mrs. Arthur Hackney, Mrs. Adelbert Patronsky, Mrs. Don Hall, Mrs. Carl Larkins, Mrs. William Haegle, Mrs. Bud Mewborn, Mrs. Frances Janssen, Miss Sharon Barth, Mrs. Raymond Hall, Mrs. Roy Johnson, and Mrs. Ed Jeffrey.

Past presidents were introduced and presented with corsages of blue and yellow flowers, the club colors, in which were concealed tiny lutele gels. Mrs. B. J. Michels, a past president was presented with an honorary life membership pin.

Tiny individual peepers, trimmed in blue and yellow and bearing the dates 1897-1949, were served along with tea and coffee in the social hour which followed.

Mary Johnson was the honoree at a party recently to celebrate her ninth birthday. The usual games were played, and ice cream cake was served to Alice Mewborn, Beth Craver, Sherrill Larkins, Debbie Clark, Patty Canty, Evie Ann Parent and all of Seaside Ranchos, and Mance Carol Dodge of North Long Beach.

Mrs. Mary Baker, mother of Mrs. William F. Canty is a visitor at the Canty home on Reese Road. Mrs. Baker is from National City.

Mrs. Otto Suter, Senior, of Redondo Beach was the guest of honor at a birthday surprise



THE FORTY-NINERS SWING INTO A VIRGINIA REEL... Mrs. Floyd A. French, (left to right) Mrs. Connie Adkinson, Mrs. R. L. Hultz and Mrs. Donald Brown, members of Orange St. PTA Mothersingers stepped into a lively Virginia Reel this afternoon when they appeared in a program at Orange St. PTA in commemoration of Founders' Day titled "Forty-niners' Musical Centennial Revue." (Lomita News Photo by Bob Wilton)



INDIAN CHIEF WIELDS TOMAHAWK... Mrs. R. P. Kellogg is cast as an Indian Chief in the "Forty-niners' Musical Centennial Revue" presented this afternoon during a Founders' Day program at Orange St. PTA. Receiving the brunt of the attack is Mrs. R. L. Hultz, PTA President, as she portrays the part of a miner back in the early days of California. (Lomita News photo by Bob Wilton)

### Centennial Revue Will Highlight PTA Meeting

Fifty-two years ago today in Washington, D.C. the National Congress of Parents and Teachers was organized and in keeping with this annual observance celebrated throughout the country, Orange Street PTA will honor its founders this afternoon with their past presidents as special guests of the day.

Carrying out the California Centennial theme the associations own Mothersingers will present "The Forty-niners Musical Centennial Revue" with a cast of more than 20 portraying the early settlers of the state and students of Narbonne High School.

Party Thursday night given by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Suter, Jr., 23063 Doris Way. A valentine theme was used in decorating the house and table. Ice cream and birthday cake were served to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marquis, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burkhardt and daughter Barbara Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Suter, Senior, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Sayre of Palos Verdes.

Frying pans and false teeth were some of the strange objects that turned up in the Merola home on Doris Way Saturday night when Patricia Merola invited teenagers to celebrate Valentine's with a scavenger hunt. Those who were in on the hunt included Barbara O'Hanlon, Shipley Parish, Ellen Morris, Shirley Canty, Benton McNary, Byron Johnson, Dickie Flahive, Don Hammond, Charles DeBenedictis, and the hostess, Patricia Merola.

The Clifton Scienceaux are company minded this week with the visit of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Taulin of Sioux City, Iowa.

The many dog owners in Seaside Ranchos will be interested to know that the S.P.C.A. is covering this area and picking up all loose dogs. Those who wish to protect their animal friends will see that each dog has a license. Dogs should be kept in an enclosed yard or restrained by a leash.

Those from Seaside Ranchos who attended the "kick off" dinner for the Y.M.C.A. membership drive Tuesday night at the Torrance Methodist church were Mrs. Wayne Schooley, Mrs. James B. Herbinson, Mrs. Donald Hall, and Mrs. Byron Johnson.

### VALENTINES EXCHANGED BY BROWNIES

A lovely St. Valentine's Day party was held at the home of Mrs. C. Renck, 2628 Alta Vista avenue for Brownie Troop No. 1096.

An exchange of valentines was held and attractive games planned for their afternoon enjoyment.

Candy hearts and fern were used for the centerpiece on the refreshment table, from which ice cream, cup cakes topped with hearts, and favors of candy hearts were served to each Brownie by Mrs. Renck and Mrs. L. C. Poole.

Mrs. Ruth Richards, leader, and Mrs. Grace Thorpe, co-leader, helped the Brownies make valentines of lace paper surrounding their own pictures which they took home to their mothers.

Every member attended but one, Anita Jo Friedrichs, who is ill with chicken pox.

### POSTER CONTEST SET BY PTA AT SOUTHOUS CENTER

Tenth District PTA's Annual Poster Contest will be held in the Exhibit Room at Southous Center, 1205 West Pico Boulevard, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Monday, Feb. 28.

PTA unit and council members, entering posters of their own making will bring their creations to the Center on Friday (Feb. 25) preceding Feb. 28.

The contest was announced earlier for Feb. 17, but because the district ground breaking and tree planting will take place on Feb. 17, the poster contest has been postponed until Feb. 28.

### SADDLE CLUB PLANS DANCE AT PORTUGUESE BEND

An evening horse-back ride to Portuguese Bend Riding Club Barn is being planned by members of the Little Hills Saddle Club for Saturday night.

The ride will follow the regular meeting of the club and dancing including the popular square dances as well as modern steps will attract the riders when they arrive at their destination. A western band will play for the dancing. Refreshments will be served and no charge will be made for the evening program.

### Mothersingers Arrange PTA Convention Program

Concentrated study of the songs officially selected by the PTA for the Mothersingers chorus will start at rehearsal next Monday night at the high school.

An operatic selection, "Scene and Prayer" from Cavalleria Rusticana; Gershwin's "Summer-time"; a cradle song based on Kreisler's "Caprice Viennois"; "The Bells of Youth", by Oley Speaks; and as a finale, "Choral Procession" from Richard Kountz' "Song of Man", make up the group.

These selections will be sung by a limited Mothersingers Chorus at the PTA district convention in Long Beach on March 31, and at the state convention later in the spring. Torrance women plan to attend the district choral rehearsals to be held in Los Angeles March 4 and April 1.

Mrs. Ruby Morgan of Waverly was guest of Mrs. Leah Johnston at Monday night's rehearsal.

### C. D. A. Members Busy With Many Projects

Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, was honored by a visit from the District Deputy, Mrs. Mae Phinney of Compton, Monday evening at a business meeting in Nativity hall. Mrs. Howard Owen, Grand Regent, presided.

Mrs. T. T. Babbitt was elected Historian to replace Miss Theresa McIntire, who recently resigned.

Mrs. M. N. Felker, philanthropy chairman, told of visiting the Court's adopted ward in Harbor General Hospital. Mesdames Frank Forester, Howard Owen, and John Melville assisted her during January.

Refreshments were served by Miss Theresa McIntire and her committee. Mrs. Howard Owen won the door prize. Secret pals exchanged gifts and revealed their names.

Mrs. Rose Songe of Court Compton was a guest.

A pot luck dinner, to be given by their families and friends, is planned for Monday, February 28, 5:30 p.m., at the parish hall. Mrs. Anna McIntire is chairman.

### HOME FOR WEEK END

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Smith Jr. of 372 E. Olive street, Redlands, spent the weekend visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robinette, 1218 Cota avenue and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Smith, Sr., of Gardena and formerly of Torrance.

Mrs. Smith, the former Doris Robinette, is teaching at a Riverside school and her husband a major in physical education, is in his junior year at University of Redlands.

### Sorority News Told

Ways and means plans held the interest of Beta Sigma Phi members when they met last night at the home of their president, Miss Doris Lee Quaggin.

The girls decided to sponsor a white elephant party and a bake goods sale on April 16. They also discussed the possibility of entertaining at a Mothers Day tea.

At the conclusion of the business meeting enlightening talks on personality were presented by the president and Miss Vera Ruth Fouts.

Another sorority affair given recently was a "bad taste" party held at the home of Miss Katie Lane. The co-hostesses were Vivian Calkins and Joan Pierce. Prizes were awarded with Miss Adoree Thom winning the "bad taste" prize. Refreshments were served following the games.

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